

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### STATE PRISON INSURRECTION.

Boston, Aug. 21.—Last evening, about 6 o'clock, a desperate attempt was made by the convicts of the state prison to escape. Seizing a ladder used in erecting a new building within the prison yards, and applying it to the wall, they began to ascend. The guards on the wall, after proper warning and ordering them to desist, commenced a fire upon them. In defiance, however, of this attack of the guards, they continued to ascend and leaped from the wall to the number of about 25. When clear of the wall they took different directions. The firing and the alarm bell, soon brought the citizens of the neighborhood to the scene, and by their spirited and uncommonly active exertion, with that of the officers of the prison, in about an hour they were all back to the prison, excepting Nathaniel Marston and Joseph Betts. Eleven of the convicts were wounded, two of them dangerously.

### HONEY FOR SALE.

Samuel Burr & Son have just received a fresh supply of Gen'l Jackson's strained honey, warranted free from foreign influence. Also five boxes best Spanish sugar, two boxes fresh lemons, two boxes coffee, three punchbombs of best West India rum, two boxes of white Naples soap, and five barrels of New Orleans sugar. A good assortment of groceries as can be found in any store in this place at very reduced prices.

### PROBATE NOTICE.

The honorable court of probate for the district of Danbury, has limited six months from the date hereof, for the creditors of Thomas Schuch, late of Danbury, deceased, to exhibit their claims against the estate of said deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to exhibit the same (properly attested) within the time limited. Amos Jackson, administrator.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### SEVEN LIVES LOST.

Loss, \$2,000,000.—On Sunday morning at 3 o'clock, a large boat, out in a large load of oil, then lying at the oil docks of the Erie Railroad Co., North River, New York city, nearly opposite to Chamber street. The flames rapidly spread to other vessels lying near, loaded with oil, and then to the docks, which were covered with barrels of oil awaiting shipment and transportation to other places. The scene was terrible. The barrels in the vessel and on the dock would burst and scatter the burning oil in all directions, and thus cause a spread of the fire which no effort could prevent.

Large quantities of the burning substance ran from the vessel and the fire was carried in continuous streams by the current to other vessels lying below. Among the vessels thus destroyed was a Bremen ship loaded with a cargo of tobacco and about ready to sail. Several cars, loaded with oil, on the track leading to the dock were also burned. The ship Francis of New Haven, with 200 barrels of oil, was burned and a Dutch brig with 1,230 barrels.

## STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Aug. 21.—William Grindwood, aged 16 years, who resides on Surf avenue, Stratford, was arraigned before Deputy Judge Frank E. Blakeman in town court today charged with stealing an automobile tire from Olaf Christianson of Bridgeport. Deputy Judge Blakeman imposed a sentence of 30 days in jail but later suspended the execution and placed the boy under the care of Rev. Robert C. White, assistant pastor of the Congregational church, who is acting as probation officer during the absence of Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen, Saturday, it was voted to notify all property owners in the first district to remove all the brush in front of their property. Many complaints have been registered to the selectmen about brush growing on the sidewalks.

The annual meeting of the Stratford Women's Suffrage association will be held at the home of Mrs. A. Bedell Benjamin, Elm street, Wednesday, Sept. 13. The annual report of the year will be read. Arrangements have been made by the association for the holding of a food sale Friday, Aug. 25, at the town hall. The committee in charge of the sale will be Mrs. Charles Lay, Mrs. Richard C. Lovell, Miss Lillian Snowden, Miss Edith Hastings and Mrs. Harold C. Lovell.

At the ladies' putting match in golf played Saturday afternoon at the Westogue Country club, Mrs. Charles Silliman won first prize. The second prize was awarded to Mrs. Robert Silliman. Both were presented with silver loving cups.

### SPAIN INCREASES ARMY.

Madrid, Aug. 21.—An increase in the Spanish army to 150,000 men on peace footing is provided for by the military reorganization bill which soon will be given to parliament by the minister of war, General DeLuque. This calls for an increase over the present force of 90,000 men. Under the new plan, 60,000 men will garrison Morocco.

Construction of a new international bridge or tunnel for Niagara River at Buffalo, by local capitalists is authorized in a bill by Representative Smith of New York.

Among the persons burned to death was Arthur H. Wilson of Bridgeport, Capt. Kelly of Cape Cod and Alonzo Kelly, his mate. Six of seven others are reported dead and several badly injured.

The loss is very great—estimated to be not less than \$2,000,000.

### GRAND PICNIC.

The Bridgeport City Drum Corps will hold its grand picnic at Fry's Grove, Thursday, August 30. Dancing will commence at 11 o'clock a. m. and continue until 11 o'clock p. m. To conclude with a grand soiree at Staples hall from 8:30 until 2 the next morning. Music by Goodsell's Quadrille band. Mr. Dunbar will be the prompter.

### FINEST TROT.

The finest trot of the season is announced to come off on the Bridgeport Association park next Wednesday. John Moran, Fannie Allen and Mountain Maid are entered. It is confidentially predicted that the fast time made in New Haven on Saturday, will be eclipsed here on Wednesday.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

### LADIES UNDER TENTS.

The number of ladies sleeping in tents in the National Guard encampment this year, Camp Graham, is an innovation at the state military rendezvous. It began last year in a small way to be sure, but this year nearly all the wives of the members of the governor's staff have all the comforts of a home situated on the grounds and they like it, too.

Among those who have tents in Brigade Headquarters Row are Mrs. William E. Disbrow, wife of the quartermaster-general and her daughters. Mrs. Disbrow in an interview with the Farmer correspondent, said that sleeping under canvas is delightful, and that was the decision of all the women of the governor's staff. It was cool of course, perhaps cold, but there was plenty of blankets provided and the sleeping was a thing of comfort.

### PARK CITY THEATRE OPENS.

The local theatrical season was ushered in last evening with the introduction of the new "Eight Belles" at the Park City theatre. There was a fair sized audience present, the house, however, being rather top-heavy. The piece, which has some claim to antiquity, has been rewritten to its evident advantage, and will find favor with theatre goers fond of the pantomime and spectacular. The Byrne brothers have associated with them a clever troupe of acrobats and comedians. The Melrose brothers, John and Wally, have leading parts and last evening acquitted themselves creditably. Of the specialties the dancing and acrobatic feats of Harry E. Baker and Gladys St. John were enjoyable.

## NEW YORK HOTEL CUTS SIZE OF DINNER CARDS.

New York, Aug. 21.—Because of the scarcity and high cost of paper, one of the leading hotels here announced today that it would reduce the size of its menu cards beginning September 1. Other hotels are expected to adopt the same course. The hotel which has taken the first step will require those who wish to write letters there to apply at the desk for paper and envelopes. This is intended to discourage those not guests from using the hotel stationery.

### A Little hot.

So you do not like the hot weather. Well, there is no reason why you should tolerate it all the time. We take it for granted that you will be able to spare at least one-half day from your business or household, for you can certainly spend a delightful half day, returning to the dreary office of business well equipped for the day that you may find staring you in the face. One of the most interesting trips that is available is the one to Port Jefferson, N. Y. The steamer Park City leaves the wharf at the foot of Fairfield avenue at 1:30 p. m. It is just an hour and thirty minutes sail on the Sound. The boat leaves Port Jefferson on the return trip at 4:30, arriving in Bridgeport at 6 p. m. The time will go by only too quickly!

Clearance Sale of summer millinery at E. H. Dillon & Co.'s, 1105 Main St. Summer millinery at lowest prices to make room for new fall millinery.—Advertisement.

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## MAJORSVILLE COPS HAVE HARD TIME IN BASEBALL PRACTICE

Moran to O'Neill to Rosenpenny to Halpin, does not stand for the names of those who took part in a triple play but for the manner in which the four suffered injuries Friday at Seaside park when the Majorsville nine was holding a practice. Had it not been for the commands of Trainer "Jimmy" Halpin the injured list might now have a couple of other names added to it.

Sergeant O'Neill was caving about the third bag while Moran was at the bat. The latter connected with one of Yellow White's offerings, sending it on the ground toward the third bag. As the sergeant ran in to get the ball, it struck a small rock that Groundkeeper Tom Keegan had fallen off to remove with the result that one of the sergeant's eyes bears a black ring beneath it.

After a short while, during which the trainer dressed the injured optic, O'Neill took up the cudgel and hit a high fly toward center field. Rosenpenny was busy looking at a fair young damsel who was flitting across the outfield and paid no attention to the descending horseshoe, which struck him squarely on the shoulder. Arnica was copiously applied by Trainer Halpin and soon Rosenpenny was able to take his turn at bat. "Wiggles" Halpin was doing the receiving and a foul from Rosenpenny's bat caught him on the knee cap. A snake dance by "Wiggy" and more arnica by his namesake, served to alleviate the pain and "Wiggy," eager for revenge, took up the willow and sowed someone would suffer.

To make the complete round of the quartet, he smashed one down between short and third, where Moran was now stationed. The stone which caused O'Neill to receive a "shiner" had evidently moved, for the ball bounced and the next moment, restoratives were being applied to Moran. A large lump on the top of his head served to show where the ball struck. His first aid kit depleted, and unwilling to see any more of his players hurt, Trainer Halpin ordered the men to quit practice. However, he stated today that all of the four on the injured list are responding to treatment and will be in first class shape this Saturday when the Majorsville team crosses bats with the Tigerstown Tigers at Pleasure Beach. A handsome silver cup and the championship of the police department is the goal both teams will strive for at the field day of the Police Sick Benefit association.

CLEVELAND CLUB TO SHOW BIG PROFIT ON THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN

New York, Aug. 21.—According to Business Manager McRoy of the Cleveland Indians, who played at the Polo Grounds last week, that club will prove one of the best money makers of the year. Besides being in the thick of the pennant fight, the Indians already have the attendance record for the American League this season sewed up.

Secretary McRoy says that his club

## WILSON OF THE CARDINALS

Owen Wilson, the Cardinal outfielder, belongs to the numerous Texas contingent now under the main tent of ballroom, having been born in Austin thirty-three years ago today. It was back in 1905 that he made his debut in the Texas League, and after being shuffled about by several clubs he landed a regular job with Fort Worth. Little Rock got him in 1907, but turned him over to Des Moines, and it was from the Iowa capital that the Pirates grabbed him in 1908. Wilson remained with the Buccaneers until the close of the 1913 season, figuring in the 1909 world's series. The Cards got him in a trade in 1914. The big Texan's best years with the stick were 1911 and 1912, when he batted an even .300 for the Pirates.

## THE ERROR RECORD

The record for numerous errors in a big league game has stood thirty-three years, as it was hung up on August 21, 1883, by Pitcher Hagan and Catcher Gross of the Quakers, in a game with the Providence Grays, then in the National League. The Quakers, under the management of Bob Ferguson, were new to the National circuit, and they had some hard sledding. On the day in question Ferguson sent Arthur Hagan into the box, while another youngster, Gross, was behind the bat. The Grays fell on Hagan's delivery hammer and tongs, and batted out seven runs in the first chapter. Providence scored in every inning thereafter except one, making a total of twenty-eight runs, while the Quakers were shut out. Ferguson's club made twenty-seven errors, and of this number eleven were chalked up against Hagan and eight against Gross, making nineteen mistakes pulled off by the battery. This record has never been equalled under the big top, and it is likely to stand for all time.

## GIRL SWIMMER BEATS TWO MEN, THEN FAINTS

Miss Marion Phillips, of Chicago, 16 years old, yesterday won a swimming race with men between Fekker's pier to Charles Island and return. She fainted upon being taken from the water at the conclusion of the swim and was removed to her home at Fort Trumbull beach. She beat Jack Davis of Albany, and Robert Seaph, of Chicago, by several hundred yards. A number of persons followed, the swimmers throughout the course in motorboats. Walnut beach stimulated by the event now plans a water carnival to end a successful season.

Mayor Mitchell will leave Plattburgh today, for New York.

## WILD EYED COW RIPS TROUSERS OF BRAVE COP

Bold Bluecoat Was Climbing Fence When Bovine Made Cowardly Rear Attack.

Patrolman Patrick O'Neill of the Second precinct is today searching for a man who owns a cow—a cow with a vicious eye and sharp horns. It is essential that Patrolman O'Neill find his man for a pair of trousers is at stake. The trousers belong to the policeman's uniform and he is determined about it. It happened Friday morning soon after O'Neill had gone on duty at Bruce's Brook on Barnum avenue. He is one of the corps detailed to search trolley cars and automobiles for infatigable paralytic suspects. Suddenly a cow came racing down Barnum avenue headed toward a group of children playing by the road. The policeman saw their danger and although his knowledge of bull fighting was limited to moving pictures he assumed a matadorlike attitude in the way of the enraged animal. But the cow did not halt at the sight of his badge and the situation being a new one to the officer of the law, he made for a fence near by with the animal in close proximity behind him. Half way over the fence she caught him with her horns and tossed him to the ground on the other side. When the policeman picked himself up he found that the major hind portion of his trousers was hanging by a thread due to the action of the cow's horns. There is a blacksmith shop nearby and there the policeman procured a needle and some thread and with the aid of the horseshoer the trousers were patched so that he could again appear in public without shocking the sensibilities of East Siders.

Investigation proved that the cow had broken away from a peddler who was taking her to the slaughter house to be killed. Policeman O'Neill wants to know who is going to buy him a new pair of trousers.

## TORRINGTON WOMAN PARALYSIS VICTIM

Torrington, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Emil M. Dunkel died yesterday at her home on Morse street after an illness of five days of acute infantile paralysis. Her case was diagnosed as paralysis by Dr. W. L. Platt. Mrs. Dunkel was 43 years old and was born in Germany. She leaves her husband, her father, Jacob Rickert; two sons, Carl and Adolph; two brothers, Thomas Rickert of Torrington, and William Rickert of New Britain, and three sisters, Mrs. Arthur Manny of Torrington, Mrs. Annie Roscoe and Mrs. Louise Lingherheld of Beacon Falls.

## ISEBELL THE VERSATILE

Frank Isbell, president and pilot of the Des Moines club and proprietor of the 1915 Western League gonfalon, will pass his forty-first birthday today as he was born on Aug. 21, 1875, in Delavan, N. Y. In his twenty years on the professional diamond old Frank has been everything from batboy up to manager and manager. A decade ago he was one of the stars of Comiskey's "Hitless Wonders," the famous aggregation of stick weaklings who were piloted to victory by Fielder Jones. The versatile Isbell spent his youth in Minnesota, and in 1894 joined the St. Paul club as a twirler. Besides taking his regular turn in the box for the Saints, Isbell doubled in the outfield. In 1898 he joined the Chicago Nationals, still posing as a pitcher, but in August Tom Burns shipped him back to St. Paul, and he finished the season in the outer garden. In 1900 Isbell returned to the Windy City, this time joining Comiskey's crew, and developed into a crack first baseman, helping the White Sox to win the first pennant of San Johnson's circuit. Later he became a star utility man, and for some time he was the regular second baseman of the White Sox. Issey became a magnate in 1907, when he bought an interest in the Wichita club, and later he transferred his allegiance to Des Moines. It was while he was in charge of the Wichita club that Isbell sold "Death Valley" Jim Scott to Comiskey.

Cyril Harcourt, the English author and actor, arrived at New York on the American liner Finland.

## On Sale Tuesday

AUG. 22ND, '16.

### MEAT DEPARTMENT.

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Broken Spaghetti or Macaroni ..... 6c lb.	Raspberry Syrup, bottle ..... 15c and 25c
Lime Juice, large bottle ..... 40c	Salad Oil in Gallon jugs ..... \$1.25
Hire's or Williams' Root Beer Ex. 2 bottles 25c	Italian Olive Oil, gallon tins ..... \$2.50
Gallon Apples, can 22c, dozen ..... \$2.50	French Olive Oil, gallon tins ..... \$3.00
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